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Recreation Commission Minutes 05/16/2007

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Approved July 24, 2007

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order at 7:00 PM on the first floor of the Arlington Senior Center on Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

Members in attendance included: Leslie Mayer, Joe Carabello, Don Vitters, and Tom Caccavaro. Also in attendance was Director of Recreation Joseph Connelly.

Members of the public included Chuck Carney, Justine Bloch, Christian Klein, Anne Ellinger and Dave Hajian,

Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the April 10, 2007 minutes. Ms. Mayer motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Vitters. Motion approved 4-0.

Recommendation for 2007-2008 Ice Rental Fees

Mr. Connelly reviewed the recommended rate increase as follows:

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
50-M in Youth	- \$175	\$195
60 –M in Youth	- \$180	\$200
50-M in HS	- \$180	\$200
60-M in HS	- \$185	\$205
50-M in Others	- \$180	\$200
60-M in Others	- \$190	\$210
Game Rate	- \$190	\$210

Mr. Connelly reviewed the reason for the increase and the request from the Town Manager to the DCR for relief from the rate cap.

Ms. Mayer stated her concerns that by increasing the rates it is putting a greater burden on the Arlington High School athletic budget. The Commission discussed this issue of the fee increase impact on Arlington organizations.

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve, with the condition that the State approves the relief from the cap. Motion seconded by Mr. Vitters and approved 4-0.

Special Events

*School Fairs

Thompson School – North Union – June 14, 2007 from 5 PM – Dusk

International School of Boston – Robbins Farm, September 9, 2007

The Commission discussed these requests. Mr. Carabello stated that the International School of Boston should provide: Insurance, Police Detail and Bracket Custodian.

The Commission discussed the issue of trash pick-up after large events. Mr. Caccavaro would like a DPW detail hired for the event. The Commission discussed how this request was different than events open to the residents of the Town of Arlington.

Mr. Caccavaro asked Mr. Connelly to review our standing policies with regards to field and park rental requirements. Ms. Mayer suggested asking DPW to place an increased number of trash barrels at the park for the night.

Mr. Connelly stated he would talk to DPW about the issue and ask for their recommendation.

Mr. Caccavaro suggested that we give the user the option to either take their trash with them or hire a DPW detail.

This matter was tabled until the June meeting.

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the Thompson School request, seconded by Mr. Vitters and approved 4-0.

Ms. Mayer stated she has been receiving complaints about trash being left at little league fields. Mr. Connelly will talk to little league about this issue.

Current Projects –

Mr. Connelly reviewed the status of the park projects with the Commission including Bishop, Menotomy, Buzzell and Wellington. Mr. Caccavaro asked Mr. Connelly to instruct Andrew Leonard to place our concerns in writing to D & D Enterprises concerning the timing of the Bishop project.

Other

Friends of Spy Pond Request – Ann Ellinger detailed her request to the Commission to host special events at Spy Pond on the last Saturday of June, July and August. The Commission discussed the suggested events. The Friends of Spy Pond will provide Mr. Connelly with a summary of events prior to each date for approval. The Commission instructed Mr. Connelly to ask DPW for extra trash barrels for the event.

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Vitters and approved 4-0.

Friends of Robbins Farm – Christian Klein asked the Commission for a clear interpretation of the portable toilet requirements. Mr. Carabello stated that portable toilets are allowed as long as they are removed immediately after the event and do not stay there overnight. Mr. Klein asked if overnight would be ok for the July 4th celebration due to the lateness of the event. The Commission would like the portable toilets out no later than a couple of hours after the event. Ms. Mayer asked if the Brackett School was considered for rent for restrooms. Mr. Klein stated that it was considered but presented the problem of policing the building.

Bishop School Parents Playground

Mr. Carney and Ms. Bloch presented the Commission with their latest playground design and discussed the timing of the project construction with the Commission. Mr. Carney shared the desire of his Committee to donate the playground equipment to the Town in order to save time with the bidding requirements. Ms. Bloch indicated that they would like to see a community build held in mid October. Mr. Connelly asked Mr. Carney to place the Committee's intentions in writing so that he could have Town Counsel review the proposal.

Mr. Carney discussed how the acknowledgment of donations would be made, reviewing the specifications for the bench plaques and kiosk plaque acknowledgement. Mr. Vitters asked that the Commission review the design of the kiosk and plaque wording.

Mr. Caccavaro suggested that as long as the entire project was self funded why couldn't the volunteers prep the site and install the equipment as well. Mr. Carney stated that he thought that would be possible. Mr. Caccavaro and Mr. Connelly will review this with proposal with the Town Manager.

Mr. Carabello asked that Andrew Leonard review the plans and the Commission get a price to draft final plans of the project for the Commission to review. Mr. Connelly will talk to Mr. Leonard about this project.

Mr. Vitters motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Mayer, and approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectively Submitted by:

Joseph J. Connelly
Director of Recreation